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### Literary celebration hailed as success

It was my good fortune to serve as the Mississippi Humanities Council evaluation for the 1991 Natchez Literary Celebration. This year's celebration was co-sponsored by Copial-Lincoln Community College and the Natchez National Historic Park, and it was partially funded with a generous grate from the Mississippi Humanities Council. The following comments were extracted from my



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Academic humanists from Canada, France, of Germany, and the United States for three and a shalf days expounded upon the local, state, inational, and international implications of 275 years of human experience in the environs of recommendations.

In addition to lectures on history and literature, the Haxtons — a family of poets, novelists, and musicians — interpreted through music and readings the strong sense of place generated in Natchez.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to

design a program of equal magnitude that could be richer in humanities content than the 1991 edition of The Nachez Literary Celebration. Indeed, one could describe it as the quintessence of a humanities program. In addition, the celebration was executed to perfection in nerms of administration and

While this assessment may seem extravag-

report to the council.

and national meetings annually for more than two decades and from the benefit of having chaired program committees for both state and national meetings. Such uniformly outstanding scholarship and effective recentation is rare in an extension

program. Virtually all of the lecturers held the attention of their audiences, and in several cases, literally entranced them. Rescunding and lengthy applause was the rule, not the exception. Audience questions

Resounding and lengthy appliance was the rule, not the exception. Audience questions also indicated a high level of appeal.

The 1991 Natchez Literary Celebration was me a credit to everyone involved in it. The three co-chairs, Brecky Jankin Nevill, Stuart John-

son, and Carolyn Vance Smith excelled in their organization and execution. In terms of administration, the celebration was faultless and the publicity outstanding.

Audience sizes ranged from 150 to 275 with

twelve lectures — quite an accomplishment may set an attendance record in Mississippi a program of this nature.

Benefits to the Mississippi Humanities Council and the status of the humanities in Mississippi are numerous and varied. They

range from opportunities of Natchez public school children who were privileged to have a classroom visit by European professor to the edification of Mississippi professors. Corean-Lincoln Community College de-

serves praise for providing its faculty and staff an opportunity to participate in such an outstanding humanities project — participation that strengthens the college's commitment to the humanities.

Not only clid the citizenry of Natchez and the enzire state benefit, but so did the national and international scholarly community. This project had a lasting and widespread impact on the status of the humanities in Mississippi, particularly on the lay population.

The Humanities Council has funded some outstanding programs through the years, and I have attended literally dozens of them. But in terms of effective use of humanities funds, the 1991 Nucchez Literary Celebration is in a class by itself.

John D.W. Guice is a history professor at the University of Southern Mississippi. He was a lecturer at the 1990 Literary Celebration.



## Natches

A place to remember...forever.

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#### African-American History Sites

- 1 Zion Chapel AME Church (228 M. L. King, Jr. St.) Rev. Hiram Revels left this church to become US Senator and the first Black representative to either house of Congress
- Evans-Bontura-Smith House (106 Broadway) Built 1851 for Robert Smith, a prominent free Black businessman
  Holy Family Catholic Church (16 Orange Ave.)
- Mississippi's oldest Black Catholic church

  William Johnson House (210 State St.) Built 1841 for
  the famous free Black merchant, planter and diarist
  - Mostly African Market (St. Catherine & McCabe Sts.) A gallery and store featuring African and African-American arts and crafts in an antebellum Gothic cottage
- 6 Bluff Park (Broadway)

  A. Rhythm Club Marker commemorating the lives lost
  - in a tragic fire at Natchez's most famous African-American social club
  - Richard Wright Marker commemorating America's greatest Black writer, a native of Natchez
- 7 Rose Hill Baptist Church (607 Madison St.) Mississippi's oldest Black Baptist church
- 8 Slave Market Site (St. Catherine & Liberty Rd.) At the "Forks of the Road" on the old Natchez Trace



The Historic Natchez Foundation and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Natchez Convention & Visitors' Bureau 311 Liberty Road - Natchez, Mississippi 39120 1-800-647-6724 Natche1 on the Mississippi

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African-American
Experience



John R. Lynch

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#### Mississippi Committee for the Humanities

#### AUDIENCE EVALUATION

Please comment on the effectiveness and worth of the program:

Please circle the number that corresponds best to your opinion:

		yes, strongly agree	agree somewhat or perhaps	probably no	no
1.	If a similar program is held, would you come again?	1	2	3	4
2.	Do you expect this program to have any impact on your community?	1	2	3	4
3.	Did the scholars in the humanities contribute to your understanding	1	2	3	4

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Come help us celebrate down on the Mississippi River Bluffs!!

#### 3:00 p.m. Hands-On History Fair

- An afternoon of free entertainment for kids of all ages, with exhibitions and demonstrations from throughout our
  - 275 glorious years: \* Black Smithing
  - \* Furniture Making \* Indian Basket Making \* Weaving \* Buck Skinners
  - \* Flint Nanners \* Civil War Reenactors
- \* Pottery Making \* Quilting \* Butter Churning
- In addition, there'll be storytelling, children's songs and games from long ago, portrayals of William Johnson, Sergeant Prentiss, Julia Nutt, and other famous Natchez characters, buggy rides and much more.

#### 6:30 p.m. 275th Birthday Party and Fireworks.

A city-wide celebration with music, party favors, ice cream and cake for everyone (free), and dozens of presents for the City of Natchez.

At dusk Natchez Coca Cola will sponsor a spectacular fireworks display over the River.

#### Natchez "Birthday Bash" Street Dance 9:00 p.m.

The Bluz Boys, a fifteen piece Rhythm and Blues Review, will top off the celebration from the Canal Street Depot. This show band features all the music from the famous John Belushi/Dan Akroyd duo and that unforgettable Memphis R & B sound. Tickets \$7.50 in advance and \$10.00 at the door

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The Natchez Garden Club cordially invites you to

Cocktails and Dinner

7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 30, 1991

Magnolia Hall celebrating the Dedication

of the

House of William Johnson

to the

Natchez National Historical Park

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Please present this ticket for reserved seating at the House of William Johnson Dedication Ceremony.

## Pilgrimage Garden Club

Natchez, Mississippi



Natchez, 1716-1991 Celebrating the City's 275th Anniversary Through History and Horticulture

> Friday, May 31, 1991 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

From Provincial Outpost to National Treasure: Natchez Celebrates Ats 2754 Anniversary SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1991

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1991 1-00 - 4-00 nm

4:00 p.m.

4:15 p.m. "Natifier on the Manissippi An Unstrated Manage" Lecture

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6 00 n.m. Free Reception near the William Johnson House, Hosted by

8-30 mm Premiers of "A Gentleman of Color: William Johnson and

#### FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1991

9:00 a.m. "Natcher to New York: Varina Howel Davis at Hone" Lecture Ms. Nancy Scott Anderson, Author and Historian.

10:00 a.m. Cofee 14-55 ques. "House Clay and the Natures Connection" Lecture Cr. Robert Bunini, Professor of History and Research Professor of Humanities

1:00 p.m. The Bedanine of Plantation Society

2:00-4:00 n.m.

A Free Flower Show and Tee at the Historic Manaion

2:30-5:00 p.m.

5:30-7:30 p.m. Come In, Please, Mr. Clay," a Gala Reception with Food. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 n.m.

Free Tours of the Mansion Midrose, Courteex, Natchez 9:00 a.m. 'Romance in Natchez: The Setting for Certain Southern.

10:00 a.m. Cofee 10:30 a.m. "Rebust West and Washer to Section Consented

12:00 - 1:00 p.m

1:00 p.m. Luncheon, The Carriage House Restaurant at Stanton Hall Lecture After-Lunchson Discussion, Boadings, and Musical Presents.

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3:00 p.m. Repeat Performance of "A Gendeman of Color.

5:00 p.m.

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HAPPY 275TH BIRTHDAY NATCHEZ!



PROGRAM

7:00

6:30 p.m. Entertainment by Holy Family Gospel Choir & The official birthday party begins:

Color Guard: Commander Ivy L. Bennett Commander of Herbert J. Remondet

Invocation: Dr. Ted Hannawalt, First Presbyterian

Picine of Allegiance

National Anthem sung by Glendale Brown "America the Beautiful" (all sing)

Welcome: Mayor David Armstrong

Introduction of Special Guests

Special Remarks: William F. Winter

Birthday Song: "Natchez, I Hear Her Calling" Verses: Chorus: Oh, Natchez, I hear her calling Her future's as rich as her history

(all sing) Her Tuture's as Tick to the calling Oh, Natchez, the voice keeps calling So much to offer, so much to see Birthday Artwork

Birthday Gifts & Acknowledgements

\*Presentation of Cake & Ice Cream

Fireworks Display - Gift of Natchez Coca-Cola Bottling Company

\*Special thanks to Kathy Madden and Co-Lin Vo-Tech students for the birthday cake and 275th balloon scupture; and also to Larry Bardner and Diary Queen International for the birthday ice cream

9:00 p.m. THE BIRTHDAY BASH, Canal Street Depot, featuring
The Bluz Boys. Tickets at the gate \$10.00. Tickets
available until 6:30 p.m. for \$7.50 at Coke wagons.











## The Natchez Literary Celebration presents

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Natchez, Mississippi May 29-June 1, 1991

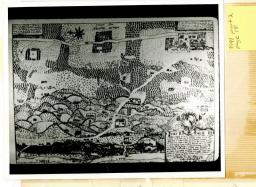
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William Winter

Billy B. Thomas

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WESTWARD LOOK: A westward view reveals Natchez rooftops and the Manageri River

oldest settlement celebrates birthday

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## Natchez observes her 275th by

elebrating a rich literary heritage

Celebrating Natchez



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#### COPIAH-LINCOLN COMMUNITY COLLEGE WESSON, MISSISSIPPI 39191

May 29, 1991

Office of the President

Dear Literary Celebration Participants and Friends:

Welcome to the 1991 Natchez Literary Celebration, co-sponsored by Copiah-Lincoln Community College and the National Park Service.

It is my honor to be part of this nationally recognized event.

I am particularly proud of our two Co-Lin faculty members, Mrs. Becky Junkin Nevill and Mrs. Carolyn Vance Smith, who have co-chaired this event with Mr. Stuart Johnson, superintendent of the Natchez National Historical Park. They have received widespread cooperation from students, faculty, staff and friends.

The work they are doing fulfills the purposes of the celebration, which are to rejoice in the 275th anniversary of the founding of Natchez in 1716, to raise the world's consciousness of the literary wealth associated with Natchez, and to help support Natchez's tourism industry.

Thank you for coming this year. We invite you back for the third annual celebration, which is set for late May, 1992. Please fill out the form below so you can receive initial information about it.

Welcome again to Natchez and to the celebration. If any of us at Co-Lin can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.



Please complete, remove, and return this form to the Registration Desk in the lobby of The Natchez Eola Hotel during the celebration or mail it to PO Box 894. Natchez. MS 39121.

YES! Please send me the first round of information about the 1992 Natchez Literary Celebration.

NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS

Names and addresses of others to receive information: (Please use the back of this form.)

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#### MEMORANDUM



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TO: All Faculty and Staff (both campuses)
FROM Paris Thornton, Dean of the Natchez Campus
DATE: June 25, 1991

SUBJECT: Great Publicity for Co-Lin

I wanted to share the attached reviews that appeared in the <u>Jackson Clarion-ledger</u> and <u>The Natchez Democrat</u> of the recent Natchez Literary Celebration. Some of you may not receive these papers.

These articles represent just some of the positive publicity that Co-Lin received before, during, and after the celebration. Money could not have purchased this kind of valuable oublicity.

The image that our college projects to the public is one of the near vital things we need to be concerned with. The Natchez Literary Celebration is just one example of the many positive images that I see Co-Lin is projecting. This projection is image that I see Co-Lin is projecting. This projection is to make Co-Lin such layer and I want to thank all who continue to make Co-Lin such layer and I want to thank all who continue excellence in a warlety of ways.

This year was my first time to participate in the Natcher Literary. Celebration. I thoroughly endoyed every minute of it and look forward to next year's event. I encourage everyone to become the continuous con

Finally, thanks for the support I feel all of us have given each other this year. I appreciate it and look forward to another productive year.

TT/rr

Attachment

# The Natchez Democrat IFESTYLE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1991

# Natchez Writers Club to learn of Harrington's new play

By JOY RIGGS The Natchez Democrat

Award-winning playwright, author and college professor Evans Harringson of the University of Mississippi's English Department will discuss his new play about William Johnson on Thursday with members of the Natchez Writers Club and

the general public.

Based on the diary kept from 1835-1851 by Johnson, a free black barber, Harrington's play, "A Gentleman of Color: William Johnson and His Natchez," will premiere in Natchez on May 30 during the second annual Natchez Literary.

Celebration.

The free writer's meeting will be at the

George W. Armstrong Library at 6 p.m. Copiah-Lincoln Community College commissioned Harrington to write the play. Co-Lin and the National Park Service are co-sponsors of the literary event, which will take place May 29 through June 1, A grant from the Mississippi Arts

Commission has aided the project.

Harrington began researching and writing the play in September, he said Monday in a telephone interview. He plans to finish it in April.

He said he wrote the two-act play "to demonstrate the complexity of this man's personality and to try to portray him as tru-

ly as possible."

Johnson was a very able, practical businessman, a devoted family man and a good citizen, Harrington said. At the same time, because he was black he was denied basic rights. "He handled all that without becoming completely unbalanced with naner and resentment." Harrington said.





#### William Johnson House Update

When Congress amended the authoriza received the Department's Historic Properthis significant Mississippi Landmark."

City of Natchez will convey title to the two the end of this month. Elbert R. Hilliard. story of Natchez, especially its African American culture. The Preservation Society

#### Mississippi Writer Rebecca Hill Spotlighted at Jubilant lam

Novelies Rebecca Hill, author of Blan

































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#### Natchez Art Association, Inc. P. O. Box 898 Natches, Mississippi 39121

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Dear Member:

The Natchez Art Association would like to express it's appreciation for your interest and support.

Last year we offered two painting workshops. Doug Walton of Ruston, Louisiana with his "Watercolor Encounter" and Ming-fai-Yu with her "Oriental Watercolor Brush-Work".

During The Great Mississippi Kiver Belloon Race in October we sponsored an art contest and art sell. In December, we participated in the Main Street Partner's Victorian Christona Mindow Display Contest and wan second place. In commection with the Natchez Literary Celebration we displayed at the Deposit Couranty Bank "Nat of Vesterday and Today", which included local artics's words and paintings from the Association's art collection and "Natchez Passion of Greek Revive!" courtesy of the Massissippi Demokratic of Accidence and Mistory.

This year, during the Balloon Race, we plan to have another, judged show. An oil painting workshop is being planned for August or September with Artist Oreg Cartmell of Nexidian, Mississippi. Another Doug Natton "Wateroclot Encounter" is planned in November. The Miley-fai-Yu "Oriental Meteroclot Sussis-North Workshow will be on going throughout most of the year. We also will continue to have a painting group, which will be open to any members interested, meeting weekly during the winter and spring when workshops are not acheduled.

We hope to continue to promote art and art appreciation in the Natchez and surrounding area by offering these activities mentioned and hopefully more.

The Next scheduled meeting will be in early August. The date, time and place will be noted in the Natchez Democrat. We look forward to seeing you there. Your interest and participation are both needed and encouraged.

1991 part 2 page 41 Sincerely, Kay Browning / Chairman Membership Committee

#### PROGRAM

#### Welcome and Special Introductions

Dr. Billy B. Thames President, Copiah-Lincoln Community College

Welcome to Southwest Mississippi

The Honorable Phillip West President, Adams County Board of Supervisors

Greetings from Natchez, Founded by the French in 1716

The Honorable David Armstrong

#### Remarks

The Honorable Michel Lennuyeux-Comnène Minister of the French Embassy and Deputy Chief of Mission, Washington D.C.

#### Remarks

The Honorable Didier Destremau, Consul General of France, The Consulate General of France New Orleans, Louisiana

## 275 YEARS OF NATCHEZ'S FAVORITE MUSIC

The Mississippi Symphony Pops Orchestra Robert M. McNally, Concertmaster

George M. Cohan Salute arr. Ralph M Hermann Yankee Doodle Dandy, Mary's a Grand Old Name, Havrison, and Grand Old Floo

King Cotton John Philip Sousa Nocturne: Natchez Kenneth Hayton

('A Night on the Trace')

Oh! Susanna Stephen Foster arr. Clive Richardson Washington Post John Philip Sousa

Ol'Man River from Show Boat Jerome Kern

Horse and Buggy Leroy Anderson
Exoking a Busone Age of Elegance

The Girl I Left Behind Me

Americana arr. Arthur Harris

Leroy Anderson

Yankee Doodle, Shenandoah, Deep River, Camptown Roces, When Johnny Comes Marching Horne and America

Stars and Stripes Forever John Philip Sousa



#### The Natchez Literary Celebration

Post Office Box 894 Natchez, MS 39121-0894 (601) 442-9111

An exciting educational and cultural event will take place May 29-June 1 in historic Natchez, Miss., called "From Provincial Outpost to National Treasure: Natchez Celebrates Its 275th Anniversary."

The event is the second annual Natchez Literary Celebration, sponsored by Copiah-Lincoln Community College and the National Park Service. Scheduled are:

 Lectures, readings and discussions by eminent writers and scholars from Europe, Canada and the United States on the 275m-year history and culture of Natches, the oldest settlement on the Mississippi River. They'll be at The Natches Eola Notel.

 Dedication of the House of William Johnson to the new Natchez National Historical Park. Johnson was a free black of Natchez who died in 1851. His lengthy diary of antebellum Natchez is a historian's godeend. Dedication is 5:30 p.m. May 30.

 World premiere of a play, "A Gentleman of Color: William Johnson and His Natchez," inspired by Johnson's 16-year diary, 8:30 p.m. May 30 and 3 p.m. June 1.

A pops concert by the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra, featuring 275
vears of Natchez's favorite music, 6 p.m., May 29, City Auditorium.

 A gala reception with music, food and drink reminiscent of an 1842 reception honoring Henry Clay, held in the same mension as the 1842 party, palatial D'Exercux. 5:30-7:30 p.m., Priday, May 31.

 A picnic at The Grand Village of the Natchez Indians, complete with Choctaw Indians weaving baskets, Indian music, Indian food, Indian exhibits, May 30.

 A fun-filled evening in Natchez Under-the-Hill, "Where It All Began," featuring a performance by the award-winning Mississippi Medicine Show. May 29.

8) A tour of three historic buildings: city-cened Auburn, fanous for its elliptical staircase; the 1835 mession Elms Court, home for generations of the wealthy planter family named Surget; and Jefferson College, oldest chartered school, in Mississippi, where the true story of the Aaron Burr oldes will be told, all May 31.

9) A tour with courtyard reception and seated luncheon at the mension Stanton Hall, after which the creative Heavior femily will discuss Natchez's influence on their work. The noted novelist Ellen Douglas is a Hawton family member. This is June 1.

10) A grand finale of a huge, family-style birthday party on the Natcher Bluff, with cawe, ice cream, exhibits, music and enourous fireserize displays over the Mississippi River, Saturday, June 1, beginning at 3 p.m. and ending about 9 p.m.

Please help us publicize this important event. And please accept our invitation to join us if your schedule permits.

#### SHOWCASING OUR ARTISTIC HERITAGE

An Update on Statewide Efforts

July 24, 1991

Mississippi Arts Center

Prepared by

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Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development
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